



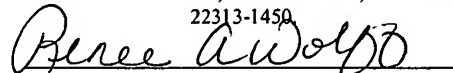
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**Amendment**

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-final Office Action, mailed February 13, 2004, regarding the above-mentioned patent Application.

A separate Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time Under 37 CFR §1.136(a) and a check in the amount of \$420.00 is included with this response. With the two-month extension, this response is believed to be timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application by introducing new claims 12 - 14 and amending claim 5 as follows:

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